

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 9, 2014, 6:00 PM Clarendon County Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson, Sr.
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Councilman, AC English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Sharron Haley, Clarendon Citizen

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony
Charlotte Johnston

Cynthia B. Mack
Linda Lemon

Nancy Cave

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting, which was held on May 12, 2014 with minor corrections.

II. Board Appointments

Chairman Stewart stated that there were several boards requesting reappointments:

- He stated that the Library Board is asking Council to reappoint the following members to the Board to serve another four-year term: Ms. Mary Howard and Dr. Barbara Jenkins.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint the above members to the Clarendon County Library Board for another four-year term.

- He continued by stating that the Library Board is requesting the appointment of Mr. James L. Welch to the board to serve a term of four years.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. James L. Welch to the Clarendon County Library Board for a four-year term.

- Chairman Stewart further stated that the Archives Advisory Commission is asking Council to reappoint the following members to the Board to serve another four-year term: Mrs. Sherry Stewart, Ms. Carole Summers, Ms. Robertha Harrison, and Mr. James Dingle.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Mrs. Sherry Stewart, Ms. Carole Summers, Ms. Robertha Harrison, and Mr. James Dingle to the Clarendon County Archives Advisory Commission to serve a term of four years.

Chairman Stewart abstained from voting on the reappointment of board members for the Archives Advisory Commission.

- Chairman Stewart continued by stating that the Zoning Board of Appeals is asking Council to reappoint Mr. Walter Colclough to the Zoning Board.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Mr. Walter Colclough to the Zoning Board to serve another four-year term.

- Chairman Stewart further stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals is asking Council to accept the resignation of Mr. Alfred Kelly, Sr. from the Planning Commission and to appoint him to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept the resignation of Mr. Alfred Kelly, Sr. from the Planning Commission and to appoint him to the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a four-year term.

- Chairman Stewart stated that the Development Board is asking Council to appoint Mr. Gene Phillips to the Development Board representing District One.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. Gene Phillips to the Clarendon County Development Board representing District One.

- Chairman Stewart concluded by stating that the Clarendon County Aeronautics Commission is requesting Council to reappoint the following members to the Aeronautics Commission: Mr. Hal Lowder, Mr. Doug J. Hontz, Mr. Howard Elkins, and Mr. Lawrence I. Gibbons.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Mr. Hal Lowder, Mr. Doug J. Hontz, Mr. Howard Elkins, and Mr. Lawrence I. Gibbons to the Clarendon County Aeronautics Commission to serve another five-year term.

III. Agreements

1. Administrator Epperson presented Council with an agreement between Clarendon County and the Town of Summerton. He stated that with this agreement, Clarendon County would continue to provide Victim Advocate Services to the Town of Summerton. He further stated that this agreement must be approved annually.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to an agreement in which, Clarendon County would continue to provide Victim Advocate Services to the Town of Summerton.

2. Administrator Epperson continued by presenting Council with an agreement between the Clarendon County Detention Center and the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He further stated the agreement would be designating the Clarendon County Detention Center as a facility for the housing of inmates sentenced to the Department.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agreement between Clarendon County Detention Center and the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

IV. Ordinance 2014-01

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, presented Council with a Balanced Budget. He stated that he would like

to recognized Ms. Tammy Rodvansky for the work that she done on helping to balance the budget. He continued by stating that some changes were made in order to balance the budget. He further stated that for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 total expenditures would be \$19,057,084, which includes a 2% cost of living increase for county employees.

He continued by stating that there would be an increase in insurance premiums as well as the following:

- \$70,000 would be transferred from the Hospitality Accommodation to Weldon
- \$2,000,000 tax anticipation note if needed
- Millage increases for School Districts

Mr. Anthony concluded by requesting Council to give Administrator Epperson borrowing authority to equip the New Fire Station with equipment and to hire fire fighters.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the third of final reading of Ordinance 2014-01, An Ordinance to provide for a levy of taxes for County Purposes of Clarendon County, SC., for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014, and Ending June 30, 2015, to direct the expenditures of said taxes and other funds for Clarendon County, and to provide for other matters related thereto including the Administrative Accountability Procedures to be followed during implementation of the budget (Operating and Capital) for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014, and Ending June 30, 2015.

Chairman Stewart thanked Mr. Anthony, Finance Department, Administrator Epperson, and all Department Heads for doing what was necessary to balance the budget.

V. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund Expenditures were \$18,077,971. Mr. Anthony continued by stating that 91% of the budget has been spent. He continued by stating that the Clean-up, from the ice storm, was completed and we have received all invoices. Mr. Anthony further stated that the invoices for the clean-up totaled \$717,000 in which FEMA would cover 75% of the fees and the County would have to absorb the remaining 25%, which is \$179,250.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$608,662 and total Operating Expenses of \$385,774 for the month ending May 31, 2014. He further stated that after Depreciation, Interest Expenses, USDA Grant Revenue, and Transfers, Water and Sewer had a Net Income of \$156,290.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Weldon Finances were not available.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$480,942 as of April 2014.

VI. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the FEMA project is completed and everyone did a good job. He thanked the following departments: Public Works, Finance, Procurement, and Mr. Anthony Mack and E911. Mr. Epperson further thanked everyone that helped with the clean-up process, getting the plan together, and keeping the cost down.

Administrator Epperson further stated that the Courthouse renovation is moving forward. He continued by stating that the vegetation around the foundation of the Courthouse would be removed next week and the project should be completed in 12 months.

He concluded by giving Council an update on the Water Projects.

- Phase 1B – Waiting on approval on Well and Tank Project

- Phase 1C – Finalizing the plans
- Phase 2 – Waiting on approval
- There is a \$100 tap fee that the property owners are responsible for in order to have water extended from the tap to their homes.

Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the Primary is June 10, and he urged everyone to go out and vote.

VII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that the County Picnic would be held on June 12, 12 pm to 2 pm. He continued by stating that he was invited to the retirement drop-in for Mr. Bill Upp.

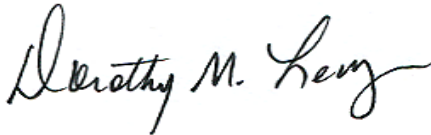
- Councilman Blakely stated that New Zion would be having their 4th of July parade on July 4th. He further stated that something has to be done about a Morgue. Councilman Blakely stated that the room that is designated for the Morgue is being used as a storage room.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

